

SENATE BILL 4046

By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-108, relative to enforcement of student obligations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-108, is amended by adding the following language as new subsection (c):

(c) The Tennessee higher education commission annually shall gather data from the institutions operated by the University of Tennessee board of trustees and the Tennessee board of regents as to the number of students whose diplomas, certificates of credit or grade reports were withheld because the students involved had not satisfied all debts or obligations owed to the institution of higher education attended or to any related institution of state government. For each institution of higher education, the commission shall also determine the average length of time that elapsed between the time such diplomas, certificates of credit or grade reports should have originally been issued and the time that the debts or obligations were satisfied and the diplomas, certificates of credit grade reports were subsequently issued. The commission shall include such data and any comments or recommendations it has regarding such data in the annual report to the governor and general assembly required under § 49-7-210.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-108, is further amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) The institutions of higher education operated by University of Tennessee board of trustees or the Tennessee board of regents are hereby authorized to issue diplomas, certificates of credit or grade reports only after the student involved has satisfied all debts or obligations owed to the institution of higher education or to any

related institution of state government including, but not limited to, college or university bookstores, libraries, food service centers, dormitories, infirmaries or hospitals.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.